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Do the work that's nearest.
Though it's dull at times;
Helping, when you meet them,
Lame dogs over stiles.

—C. Kingsley.

Though Roosevelt will soon board ship to return home, he will still be with us by wireless.

Someone has put up a job on Senator La Follette by putting a standard plank in the Wisconsin Republican platform.

It would appear that Mr. Jimmie Morgan knew what was being done to the Federal building site. He must have thought it was none of the people's business.

A vote for Prohibition in Hawaii means an endorsement of secret missions to Washington and underhand schemes to saddle the people with laws they do not want.

Japan and Russia are natural allies. We trust they will not attempt to make trouble for their friends in order to gratify natural tastes for trouble-making.

It is easy enough to cable Bartholdt, but there is no telling what will happen to the Mahuka site when the Federal site question is reopened for appropriation purposes.

Confidently If Delegate Kuhio allows himself to be led into traps laid by the enemies of the Mahuka Federal building site, he will have to look for enthusiastic support outside the business sections of Honolulu.

With the stand-patters in control of the Republican nominees to the Iowa State Legislature, what does that mean for the future of the Income Tax amendment? Massachusetts and New York, two Republican States controlled by stand-patters, have voted "No."

William Kent and Rudolph Spreckels are clearly shaping their plans to give California an opportunity to reform. Whether these men are successful or not in securing the election of themselves and their candidates, their opponents will know that there has been a lively fight.

Business men should not be slow to appreciate that a mighty big issue is involved in the proposal to extend the interstate commerce law to island shipping. Approve this move in its present form, and the opening wedge for special legislation inimical to Hawaii will be driven home.

Prohibition has fewer friends in Hawaii than any place where attempts have been made to foist it upon the people. The Prohibition campaigners are apologizing for themselves and their cause at every step, by suggesting that they don't mean all they say, and it's the saloon, not the liquor, that they are after.

Minister Crum has a man-sized opportunity to make a name for his country in Liberia. The United States has always been regarded as a sort of foster father to Liberia, and should our representative be the agent to straighten out some of that nation's troubles, the man who does it will have a lasting name in history.

FEDERAL BUILDING JUGGLERY

President Waldron of the Merchants' Association made no mistake when he characterized the latest phase of the Mahuka Federal building site as having a "bad smell."

The more it is stirred, the more unsavory it is.

From the developments in the Chamber of Commerce meeting, it would appear that the enemies, the mistaken friends and the false friends of the Honolulu Federal building are all working in secret; that they have united in a phalanx with a purpose to defeat the people's

wishes if they can't wreck self-government.

Before the business organization of the city commit themselves to any of these programs that have been worked out in secret, they should know exactly what the situation is. This they do not know at the present time.

When the architect in charge of the plans of the Federal building was on his way to San Francisco, he made the statement that everything in connection with the Federal building would be ready to begin construction work within six months.

This shows that he had not been let in on the deal to open up the whole site question, by going to Congress for an increased appropriation to condemn a city block.

No single detail of the latest tampering with the Federal building site serves to inspire confidence in the good faith of the amended proposition or those by whom it was amended.

Honolulu has yet to learn that its Federal building is not in the hands of its enemies. And no step should be taken that will give these enemies a new weapon.

MERCHANTS AND THE INTERSTATE LAW.

Business men of this city have been consistent in their contention that Hawaii should not be made the medium of governmental experiments. They have stood for our absolute equality with the Territories of the mainland. They have always been on guard against the schemes of thoughtless dreamers or interested persons who have a penchant for working off on Hawaii, through Congress, various special privileges in government.

Consequently it would be surprising indeed if the Merchants' Association endorsed the proposal contained in the amendment passed by the House of Representatives to apply the interstate commerce laws to the steamship transportation in Hawaiian waters.

This proposal made by the House is, in its present form, an attack upon Hawaii's much-cherished right to handle its own business in its own way, and not go to Congress about it until, at least, a general canvass has been made of the citizens of Hawaii.

No general appeal has been made to Congress to extend the interstate commerce laws to this Territory's water transportation. There has been criticism of the water transportation companies, as there is of all business corporations, but the criticism has not reached the point where the people are prepared to ask of Congress that an exception be made of these islands in passing laws that do not apply in the waters of any other governmental division under the jurisdiction of the United States.

This whole business as it is presented to the merchants of the city is the result of a secret campaign and a secret mission, and a not carefully guarded grudge against a transportation company.

Individuals and corporations may work off their grudges to suit themselves, but they should not be allowed, as is proposed in this case, to make the community a scapegoat. They must not rob the Territory of Hawaii of its right to be heard, nor should they bring about a restriction in any detail of our privilege of self-government. Whether it be so intended or not, the adoption of the proposed extension of the interstate commerce laws at this session of Congress means nothing else than making a scapegoat of Hawaii and taking from our people a very important item of local authority.

Our people do not know what the extension of these laws to Hawaii as they now stand will mean to the general business of the Territory.

The law has never been studied.

And if they do not know what results the present law will bring about, they are certainly in the dark as to what the condition will be under the proposed amended law that is one of the most vexatious

and complex affairs Congress has undertaken in years.

It is therefore not only foolish but dangerous to view this new assault on our independence as anything but an assault to be dealt with accordingly.

Hawaii has not even had a hearing.

Is that the way you want the United States Congress to deal with this Territory?

Are the community interests of these islands to be made a hobby-horse for every crank and every disgruntled person to ride to death?

SLAYS WIFE AND SELF

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drama in which murder and suicide figured.

The shocking affair which took place at a Fort street lodging house which resulted in the instant death of a part Chinese and his Hawaiian sweetheart is still fresh in the recollection of the police.

Now comes the Punchbowl tragedy, deliberate, sinister and revolting.

Aki and his wife Hattie were married by a local minister during the latter part of the year 1907. As a result of the union two children, one three years and another a year and a half old were born.

The Aki's are known to have experienced a rather stormy and tempestuous passage on seas matrimonial. For nearly two years past, the husband, has repeatedly refused to aid in the support of his wife Hattie, and the two little children.

The woman has of late been making her home with two aged Hawaiians, people named Kekekalani and Kahuwa, said to be her grand parents. They have resided in another part of the city from that in which Aki has made his habitation.

Since Aki has refrained from occupying the position as head of his household, he has been living with relatives on Liliha street.

Divorce Court Cheated.

The unhappy marriage relations between the Aki's brought about an understanding between the mismatched pair that a divorce would be the most satisfactory termination of the union.

Three months ago the preliminary steps towards a legal separation were taken by the woman. She applied for a divorce upon the grounds of non-support and failure to provide. It was only a week ago that Deputy Sheriff Rose served a summons upon Aki at the Hopp furniture store, calling for his appearance at the circuit court to answer to the charges contained in the complaint.

The matter was threshed out in the courts and a decree of divorce was to have been granted the woman, at ten o'clock this morning.

The leaden messenger of death fired by Aki however outwitted the mills of justice in effecting a separation for all time.

Death Followed Few Words.

There were a number of people present when the couple now lying cold in death at the city and county morgue, met on Summit Lane this morning.

They all declared to Coroner Charles Rose that but few words passed between Aki and his wife before the fatal shots belched forth from the thirty-eight calibre Ivers & Johnson revolver.

The man had been seen hanging about the vicinity since daylight. He was apparently awaiting for some one but as the neighborhood is largely po-

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ulated and many persons were more or less continually passing to and from the district, nothing out of the ordinary was thought of the presence of Aki as he strolled up and down the narrow thoroughfare.

Hattie Aki, put in an appearance upon the scene shortly before seven o'clock. She came up by the Emma street car and leaving the conveyance, proceeded up the hill, intending to call upon her relatives. Near a turn in the road, she came upon Aki and he attempted to block her further progress up the street.

The pair were standing almost immediately in front of the premises of a Mrs. Bentley, when Aki accosted his wife saying:

"Where are the children? Why did you not bring them with you?"

The woman seemed to hesitate for a moment before answering and finally declared, "They are not at home, and I do not know where they are."

This retort apparently greatly angered Aki. By eye witnesses, he is declared to have almost instantly whipped out the revolver from his hip pocket and fired point blank at the surprised woman. The first shot took effect just over the dipple of the right breast. As the woman reeled and attempted to clutch the palms of a fence, Aki fired the second bullet and this entered the back of the woman's close to the shoulders. The third shot killed Mrs. Aki.

She dropped to the ground, and death followed instantly.

Turns Gun on Himself.

Without a word to anyone and before the startled spectators could comprehend what had actually happened, Aki pointed the still smoking revolver to his right temple and pulled the trigger. The leaden missile entered his brain and the man who had just murdered his wife lay as a companion corpse, in the roadway.

By this time the entire neighborhood had been aroused by the firing and they swarmed down the hill sides to the scene of the crime. The police were instantly notified and Deputy Sheriff Rose and several station officers repaired to the gruesome spectacle.

Coroner Takes Charge.

In the capacity of city and county coroner, Deputy Rose took charge of

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the remains of both husband and wife. The man was about twenty five years old. He has been employed for some time past with the Hopp establishment on King street. He is credited with having been a faithful employee.

From testimony deduced this morning it is positively known that Aki had not been drinking, and at the time he committed the crime he was sober.

The woman was young and might be considered rather pretty. It is stated by her near relatives that her father was the late John McCarthy, and her mother's name being, Luika Kahuwa. She recently passed her 20th birthday. As near as can be learned from those in a position to know whereof they speak the woman has born a good reputation.

Coroner Rose impaneled a jury without delay and they viewed the remains and listened to the testimony of such eye witnesses to the tragedy as could be secured. The jurors included Charles Spencer, Daniel Notley, Daniel Hanalei, F. B. Freitas, W. M. Sampson and Dr. Joseph P. Baptiste.

The coroner has called the jury together for this evening and the session will convene at half past seven o'clock.

Last week Judge Robinson ordered Aki to pay temporary alimony to his wife of \$4.50 weekly pending the final settlement of the suit which was to have come on trial this morning at ten o'clock. Aki made his first payment last Saturday and yesterday afternoon the wife came to the court and received the money.

If Halley's comet is no bigger than a hen's egg, we would rather see the hen's egg.

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MAHUKA SITE IS DISCUSSED

Correspondence Brought Into Chamber Meeting Yesterday

Interesting correspondence relative to the site for the Federal building was introduced at the meeting of the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, the first cable sent on the matter being one from Kuhio dated May 23 asking the cost of condemning the remainder of the Mahuka block.

From the cables and letters placed on file at yesterday's meeting it appears that the supervising architect at Washington told Kuhio and McClellan that it would be impossible to erect a building large enough to hold all the offices desired on the Mahuka site and asking that another site be chosen. To this both the representatives of Hawaii emphatically stated there was nothing doing, and then steps were taken looking to the acquisition of the whole Mahuka block.

Kuhio's first cable received on May 23 read: "Confidential. Cable taxation values and estimated cost to condemn remainder Mahuka block to Fort street."

In answer to this Kuhio was sent a cable the following day, "Total assessed value \$245,000. Estimate cost to condemn \$350,000."

At the request of Governor Frear, Tax Assessor Wilder made the following report on the value of the remaining portion of the block, and it was upon this report that the information was sent to Kuhio.

"Honolulu, May 24.—Honorable Walter F. Frear, Governor of Territory of Hawaii, Executive Building, Honolulu.

"Sir:—In reply to your verbal request for a value of the property bounded by King, Fort and Merchant streets and adjoining the present Federal building site, I beg to enclose a map of such property and to state that the values which I have entered against the various interests I consider to be very fair.

"Estate Jas W. Austin, 12,610 square feet, value, \$126,480.

"John A. Cummins, 10,858 square feet, \$88,369.

"Building of E. O. Hall & Son, \$75,000.

"Building of J. W. Austin estate (old Lewers & Cooke), \$7500.

"Building of Bank of Hawaii (Hawaiian Trust Company Building), \$10,000.

"Building of J. A. Cummins, \$18,000.

"Very respectfully,

"CHAS. T. WILDER."

From McClellan came a letter dated May 7 mentioning the fact that Kuhio had written to the newspapers of his opposition to any change of the site.

"Dear Mr. Morgan:—Replying to your favor of April 25 I would say that at my suggestion the Delegate is sending a public letter to the newspapers stating his opposition to any movement to again reopen the question of a site for the Federal building. I certainly hope that in view of this announcement of the Delegate and the general sentiment in Honolulu that the question may forever remain settled hereafter. I would state that

up to the present time no definite effort has been made towards securing a change in the Honolulu site.

"We are now making efforts to get a vote on the costwise suspension law on May 16 but are not yet certain as to whether it can be done. We are making a personal canvass of the House in favor of the bill and shall put it through if possible.

"With personal regards I am,

"GEORGE B. McCLELLAN."

It was after this letter was written that the supervising architect called on Kuhio and McClellan relative to the change in the site, and on May 9 McClellan wrote again as follows: "Jas. F. Morgan, President, Etc.

"Dear Sir:—Since sending you the original of the enclosed copy, the supervising architect has sent for the Delegate and myself to discuss the subject of a possible change of the Federal building site.

"The Delegate made very clear to him the fact that he would oppose any effort to secure the congressional legislation necessary for such a change, and I made equally emphatic the opposition of the business community to any further agitation of the subject. The result of it all was that the supervising architect intimated that all further discussion of any change by the department would be abandoned and we are hopeful that the ghost is finally laid.

Very truly yours,

"GEORGE B. McCLELLAN."

Accompanying the letter received from Kuhio on the last mail another one was received from McClellan by the Chamber of Commerce which read as follows:

"By this mail the Delegate is writing the Chamber in regard to the possibility of securing the remainder of the Mahuka block for the Federal building site. Since our conference we have taken the matter up here and there and are trying to work out some plan by which we can secure the large additional sum necessary to bring about this very desirable result.

"As soon as the Pearl Harbor items were struck out by the Senate Committee, the Delegate and I at once took that matter up with the members of the committee and with other friends in the Senate. We then went directly to the President and were able to enlist his aid, so that in the end the items were restored in the exact form we desired.

"The Organic Act bill has now passed Congress, and we are doing our best to get a vote on the suspension bill before the session ends.

The matter was discussed briefly by the chamber trustees but action on the matter was referred until further advice was received, it being the opinion of the meeting that there was nothing the body could do at present.

In one of his letters Kuhio stated that Hawaii was getting considerable more in its appropriation for the building than was allowed for Federal buildings on the mainland.

The remaining time of the meeting was devoted to routine matters, the visit of the National Editorial Association being discussed at length, being brought up by the reading of letters from Secretary Wood of the Promotion Committee and President Baumgartner of the association.

President Baumgartner wrote that he had the association in line for the trip here but that detailed information was wanted about what could be done for them in the way of entertainment, etc. He stated that whatever was given toward the expenses of the excursion would be more than returned in free advertising in the columns of the papers represented by the members of the party.

It appeared the opinion of the meeting that it would be a fine thing to have the newspapermen here but that there were possibilities of harm as well as of good in their visit and that the party should be taken care of assiduously during its stay in order that the right impressions of the country might be gained.

The matter was referred to the Entertainment and Finance Committees of the Chamber, and about \$5000 will have to be raised to entertain the party.

Hawaii will be represented in the Chamber of Commerce party from the Pacific Coast which is to visit the Orient, Fred L. Waldron and Mrs. Waldron going with the party and E. C. Brown joining in China.

F. J. Lowrey, E. H. Wodehouse and Mark P. Robinson were appointed a committee to draw up resolutions of respect for W. W. Hall and W. T. Lucas, who died recently, the resolution to be presented at the next meeting of the trustees.

Alonso Gartley presided at yesterday's meeting.

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